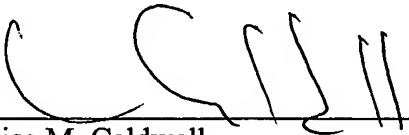


**Remarks**

By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 9-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9, and 13 are amended to address the § 112 objections regarding the recitation of "alkali oxide" versus "alkali metal oxide." Because the amendments do not prompt a need for any further searching, and because the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and considered.

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